

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHODS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF INHIBITORS OF 3-OXO-5-ALPHA-STEROID 4-DEHYDROGENASE EXPRESSION OR ACTIVITY IN PLANTS

the specification of which was filed on 20-Nov-2003 as U.S. Application No. **TBA** is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose all information which is known by me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also listed below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application the priority of which is claimed for that subject matter:

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